

Remarks

New claims 21 – 30 have been added. Claims 1-30 are pending.

The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior applications. The Applicants thank the Examiner for bringing this to their attention. The Applicants also noted various typographical errors in the specification and the specification is being amended to correct these errors. No new matter is added by any of these amendments.

Claims 1 – 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C., second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 13, and 15 have been amended to add a period at the end of each claim. Claims 4-6 and 10 have been amended to delete the words “preferably” and claims 18 and 20 “including.” Claim 17 has been amended to delete the words “in cui” and replace them with the word “wherein.” Chemical structures have been inserted into claims 18, 19 and 20. The Applicant believes that each of the Examiner’s rejections is addressed by these amendments.

Claim 15 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ring et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,831,104). Claim 15 has also been rejected as being unpatentable over Broek (U.S. Pat. No. 3,927,046). In order to advance prosecution, the compounds of formulas XVIa and XVIIa have been deleted from claim 15.

The Applicant notes that the Examiner indicated no objection to claims 14 and 16.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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